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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending slightly lower in the Midwest, sharply lower in the East, and about unchanged in the West when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment ranged weak to steady but improvement was reported as some plants will be closed Monday in observance of the holiday. Retail and food service demand was best where features were noted, elsewhere interest was in a full range of light to occasionally good. Offerings remained light to more than sufficient for prompt shipment. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts, leg quarters and wings were close balanced to tight and continued to show good movement, other items were at least adequate with mixed demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights irregular, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/20/03-01/25/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

| AREAS | MAJORITY | RANGE | WTD AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Delivered to First Receivers | | | | |
| Chicago | 53.00-56.00 | 53.00-61.00 | 55.27 | 25 |
| Los Angeles | 67.00 | | | |
| New York | 54.00-57.00 | | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | | |
| Mississippi | 59.00-63.00 | 55.00-65.00 | 61.91 | 82 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 823 | 55.40-65.00 | 62.07 |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

| ITEM | WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME (000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 171.50 | 1,278 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 140.50 | 4,574 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 71.50 | 1,151 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 55.50 | 827 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 18.00 | 7,967 |
| WINGS | 68.50 | 3,214 |

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority into the Chicago area for next week's deliveries was 1 cent lower from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady, instances weak. Offers on Wogs and whole fryers were fair on heavy weight birds and limited on smaller sizes. Movement into food service was irregular and spotty, slow to fairly good. Retail demand was slow to moderate, mostly light. Floor stocks were sufficient for current needs. Weights generally desirable. Trading on parts was slowing with decent interest for wings and dark meat items. Supplies of whole breasts and wings limited, leg items clearing well and boneless/skinless breasts available. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and whole breasts and leg quarters, steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, but improved in late week due in part to the holiday weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions and where limited retail features were in progress. Supplies of whole product were usually sufficient to handle full trade needs. In the parts structure, wings and breast were in the best position and reported as fully steady to firm. Other items were irregular but usually sufficient for current needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last Friday's levels. Early trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings in close balance to fully adequate with heavier weights in the longest position. Retailer demand was moderate to good best to cover ads and specials. Dealers anticipated satisfactory clearances. The market tone on parts generally steady to firm with wings and bone-in breast in the strongest position. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 57-79, whole cut-up 79-149, boneless breast 167-299, boneless thigh meat 199, boneless leg meat 79-119, split breast 79-97 and 4# IQF 396, whole leg 99-129, leg quarters 49, leg quarters 10# bag 390, leg quarters 40 pound case 1,299, thigh 79-129, drumstick 79-129 and 5# bag 159, ground chicken 149, fried chicken tenders 399; Northern California - whole body 59-99, whole cut-up 99; Colorado - Cornish hen 99-129, boneless breast 249, boneless breast tenders 349, boneless thigh meat 249, drumstick 79-129 and 4# IQF 276, thigh 79-129 and 4# IQF 276, fried 8 pieces mixed 449 and 10 piece dark meat 349; Arizona - whole body 79, boneless breast 179-449, boneless thigh meat 249-259, boneless breast tenders 349-459, split breast 139-199, wings 4# IQF 699, thigh 69-129, drumstick 69-129.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, although, dealers remained cautious and selective keeping floor stocks in close balance. Offerings of all sizes were available at discounted levels. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and wings were tight. Boneless-skinless breasts continued in a better balance. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, although, leg quarters were in a closer position.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was generally reported as fairly good. Seller offerings remained more than sufficient for prompt shipment, particularly on the 3.0# and smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy and included limited operations on Saturday. Most plants planned to close Monday in observance of the holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 57 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Bone-in breasts, wings and leg quarters were clearing well.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| RANGE | 47-71 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | 60.09 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 9,236 |
| CUMULATIVE | 01/13/03-01/17/03 61.38 |
| | 01/14/02-01/18/02 59.32 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 01/13/03-01/17/03 43,928 |
| | 01/14/02-01/18/02 49,794 |

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

JAN 16

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 17

| | POUNDS | | | | POUNDS | | | | WEEKLY | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------|---|---------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|-------|
| ITEM | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | WTD AVG | |
| BREAST - B/S | 1,030 | 110.00-200.00 | 115-120 | 120.98 | 929 | 115.00-200.00 | 118-122 | 121.95 | 4,586 | 121.15 | |
| TENDERLOINS | 110 | 115.00-170.00 | - | 131.30 | 148 | 115.00-170.00 | 115-119 | 126.91 | 688 | 128.98 | |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 76 | 69.00-75.00 | 115-120 | 72.26 | 76 | 69.00-75.00 | 71-73 | 72.26 | 441 | 68.68 | |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 223 | 65.66 | |
| LEGS | 113 | 19.00-32.00 | 20-21 | 21.34 | 73 | 19.00-32.00 | 20-22 | 22.07 | 480 | 21.67 | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 631 | 14.00-18.00 | 14-15 | 15.08 | 311 | 15.00-18.00 | 15-16 | 15.56 | 2,736 | 15.12 | |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 1,308 | 16.00-26.00 | 17-19 | 18.98 | 3,140 | 17.00-26.00 | 17-19 | 19.01 | 7,899 | 18.92 | |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 299 | 71.50-74.00 | - | 73.23 | 299 | 71.50-78.00 | 72-74 | 73.93 | 1,459 | 69.18 | |
| WINGS (CUT) | 443 | 81.00-89.00 | 83-86 | 84.96 | 475 | 81.00-90.00 | 84-88 | 84.79 | 2,294 | 83.75 | |
| DRUMSTICKS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 341 | 33.71 | |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 141 | 35.04 | |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 139 | 58.56 | |
| ***** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | | |
| TRADING FOR JAN 16, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | TRADING FOR JAN 17, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | TODAY'S | 5-DAY |
| | RANGE | | AVERAGE | | | RANGE | | AVERAGE | | AVERAGE | |
| | 38.00 - 42.00 | | 40.41 | | | 38.50 - 42.50 | | 41.06 | | 40.44 | |
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NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend, but was fair to moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts and wings remained tight. Boneless-skinless breasts continued in a better balance. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, although, leg quarters were noted in a better position. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm on wings and bone-in breasts, and about steady on the balance.

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

| JAN 16 ITEM | CURRENT NEG | | | WTD AVG** | CURRENT NEG | | | WTD AVG** | JAN 17 WEEKLY | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|---------|--------------|-------------|--|---------|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| | TRADING* | | VOL/LBS | | TRADING* | | VOL/LBS | | WTD AVG | VOL/LBS |
| BREAST - B/S | 125-130 | | 307,691 | 128.47 | 125-130 | | 439,980 | 126.96 | | 2,181,081 |
| TENDERLOINS | 110 | | 112,690 | 111.27 | 110 | | 139,043 | 110.20 | | 620,873 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 71-72 | | 132,120 | 77.74 | 73-74 | | 156,160 | 75.23 | | 848,840 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 71 | | 130,600 | 74.85 | 73 | | 112,600 | 72.86 | | 598,440 |
| LEGS | 31-32 | | 242,560 | 30.73 | 31-32 | | 220,880 | 30.42 | | 1,246,160 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 17-18 | | 450,763 | 18.70 | 17-18 | | 434,683 | 18.24 | | 2,389,533 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 21-22 | | 108,230 | 29.10 | 21-22 | | 145,240 | 26.53 | | 646,920 |
| THIGHS | 21-22 | | 53,700 | 32.26 | 21-22 | | 80,320 | 31.06 | | 343,420 |
| B/S THIGHS | 62-63 | | 46,640 | 62.56 | 62-63 | | 30,340 | 63.79 | | 285,400 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 72-73 | | 197,200 | 74.82 | 74-75 | | 168,840 | 74.00 | | 942,460 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | | 29,240 | 12.26 | 10-12 | | 43,680 | 12.16 | | 176,720 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | | 13,840 | 30.45 | 30-35 | | 10,760 | 29.29 | | 68,045 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 55-60 | | 25,520 | 54.55 | 55-60 | | 20,880 | 58.64 | | 104,180 |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.
 ** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| | ESTIMATED | | ACTUAL | | AVG WTS | | ACTUAL | | AVG WTS | |
|----------|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|------------|-------|---------|--|
| | 01/17 | 01/16 | 01/15 | 01/14 | 01/15 | 01/14 | 01/10 | 01/08 | | |
| ALA | 4,159 | 3,993 | 3,571 | 3,911 | 5.32 | 5.21 | 3,956 | 5.30 | | |
| ARK | 4,757 | 5,196 | 4,684 | 5,124 | 4.76 | 5.00 | 5,238 | 4.80 | | |
| DELMARVA | 2,408 | 2,402 | 2,397 | 2,432 | 5.10 | 5.15 | 2,234 | 4.96 | | |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,141 | 1,873 | 1,560 | 1,923 | 5.14 | 4.91 | 1,746 | 5.18 | | |
| MISS | 2,658 | 2,932 | 2,611 | 2,928 | 5.53 | 5.44 | 2,651 | 5.42 | | |
| NC | 2,908 | 2,545 | 2,525 | 2,659 | 6.16 | 6.13 | 2,683 | 6.00 | | |
| TEXAS | 2,454 | 2,464 | 2,361 | 2,405 | 4.64 | 4.95 | 2,553 | 4.93 | | |
| TOTAL | 21,485 | 21,405 | 19,709 | 21,151 | 5.20 | 5.23 | 21,061 | 5.19 | | |
| MON-FRI | 105,830(A) | | | | | | 104,894(A) | | | |

Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Jan 03 and 18-Jan-03 is estimated to be 32,144,000 up 1.71 percent from a week ago and down 4.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,604,000; last year 33,731,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 18-Jan-03 is estimated to be 152,916,000 head unchanged from a week ago, and down 4 percent from a year ago

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

| | RANGE |
|------------------|-------|
| FRESH FRYERS | 89-91 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | 80-95 |
| HENS UNDER 5# | |
| HENS OVER 5# | 66 |
| DUCKS | |
| RABBITS-WHOLE | |
| RABBITS-CUT UP | |

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

| | | |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS | ICE PACK | 92-94 |
| | DRY PACK | 96-102 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | ICE PACK | 104 |
| | DRY PACK | 113 |
| HENS OVER 5# | ICE PACK | 92-98 |
| | DRY PACK | |
| DUCKS | | 152-166 |

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 04-Jan-03 (Preliminary),

| | (A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down | (B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs | (C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | |

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------|
| Head | 19,24218,030 | 38,654 |
| Avg Weight | 3.794.70 | 6.04 |
| % of total /1 | 25%24% | 51% |

COMPARISONS

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------|
| Last week | 20,20013,130 | 30,903 |
| Avg Weight | 3.714.74 | 6.17 |
| % of total /1 | 31%20% | 48% |

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 25,26114,782 | 37,806 |
| Avg Weight | 3.844.77 | 6.23 |
| % of total /1 | 32%19% | 49% |

| | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------|
| To date/2003 | 19,24218,030 | 38,654 |
| To date/2002 | 25,26114,782 | 37,806 |

1/May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Jan-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| | -----OUSANDS----- | | | | |
| HEAD | 152,541 | 1,736 | 1,413 | 3,149 | 421 |
| AVG WT | 5.11 | 3.32 | 7.75 | 5.31 | 6.81 |
| LAST WEEK | 126,793 | 1,179 | 1,127 | 2,306 | 388 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 159,574 | 1,974 | 1,378 | 3,352 | 491 |
| AVG WT | 5.10 | 3.61 | 7.86 | 5.36 | 4.76 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 279,334 | 2,915 | 2,540 | 5,455 | 809 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 277,843 | 3,410 | 2,549 | 5,959 | 883 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.4 million head or 5.3 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JAN 14, 2003

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

| | RANGE | | RANGE |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | .80 - 1.00 | Silkie | 1.50 - 1.75ea. |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | .85 - 1.05 | Pigeons | 1.90 - 2.25ea. |
| Pekin Ducks | 3.75 - 4.00ea. | White Pigeons | 2.75 - 3.00ea. |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS | .50 - .70 | Rabbits | |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .70 - .90 | 4-6 LBS | 1.10 - 1.30 |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .65 - .95 | Rabbits | |
| Crossbred Roosters | | 6-9 LBS | .90 - 1.20 |
| 4-6 LBS | .60 - .80 | Bunnies | 2.75 - 5.50ea. |
| Crossbred Roosters | | Guinea Pigs | 10.50 - 15.25ea. |
| 7-11 LBS | .60 - .70 | Kid Goats | 14.00 - 19.00ea. |
| Guinea Fowl | .50 - .60 | Doves | 3.50 - 3.75ea. |
| Banty Roosters | 2.75 - 3.50ea. | | |
| Banty Hens | 1.75 - 2.50ea. | Total Coops Sold | 510 |
| Leghorn Hens | .04 - .05 | | |

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 13-JAN-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND | 140 | 146 |
| MOSTLY | | |
| MIDWEST | 122-126 | 123-127 |
| MOSTLY | | |

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 56-63 | 56-61 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 61-85 | 68-75 |

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

| | |
|--------|-------------|
| 12 OZ. | 60.48-69.66 |
| 14 OZ. | 66.96-76.14 |
| 16 OZ. | 73.44-83.43 |

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was good to very good. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 13-JAN-2003

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 116-124 | 125 |
| MOSTLY | | |

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|
| DECEMBER 7 | 153.8 | 146.7 | 105% | 5.13 |
| 14 | 156.8 | 146.7 | 107% | 5.09 |
| 21 | 154.7 | 144.4 | 107% | 5.07 |
| 28 | 109.3 | 140.8 | 78% | 5.10 |
| JANUARY 4 | 128.3 | 142.4 | 90% | 5.15 |
| 11 | 154.4 | 149.1 | 104% | 5.11 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 282.7 | 291.5 | 97% | |
| JANUARY 18 | | 152.4 | | |
| 25 | | 152.9 | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | |
|----------|---------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| W/E | 01/18/03 | 01/11/03 | % CHG | 01/12/01 | % CHG |
| Broilers | 152,916 | 152,541* | 0 | 158,580* | -04 |
| Cattle | 656 | 658 | 0 | 687* | -05 |
| Hogs | 1,988 | 1,935 | +03 | 1,956* | +02 |

Under Federal Inspection

*ACTUAL

Effective January 3, 2003 the Eastern Region, North Central, and South Central Light Live Type Hen reports will no longer report light live hen prices in cents per pound, generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. The report will reflect producer costs in cents per bird for light type hen removal. The change is in response to requests from egg producers, hen buyers, transporters and processors to reflect current industry hen removal practices.

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair at best. Offerings were fully adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Movement of finished product was moderate.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with a few rendering operators finding offerings tighter as producers attempt to shave costs. Demand was fair to fairly good. Opinions on removal values were mostly steady with many watching fuel values slowly increase.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Levels were too few to report. Demand remained selective for leghorn fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were adjusted for need. Trade sentiment was mixed.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was in a full range and trading was very, very light on heavy canners. Supplies and offerings were in close balance to tight and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady on heavies; generally steady on lights.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

20-25 MAJORITY 22-22.5

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

22-26.5 MAJORITY 24-24.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

29-35 MAJORITY 31-33

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

31-37 MAJORITY 32.5-34.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired slaughter schedules. Offerings were easily adequate for current needs.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were irregular. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand for spent hens was moderate. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

| <u>LIGHT</u> | <u>RANGE</u> | <u>MAJORITY</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Eastern Light | 0-7 (1) | 3-5 |
| So. Central Light | TFEWR (1) | |
| No. Central Light | 2-6 (1) | 2.5-4 |

(1) Removal Cost

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE FOLLOWING WEEK

| <u>HEAVY</u> | <u>RANGE</u> | <u>MAJORITY</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Southeast Heavy | TFEWR (1) | |
| Southeast Heavy | TFEWR (2) | |
| f.o.b. plant | TFEWR | |
| South Central Heavy | TFEWR (1) | |

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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